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Dear interested parties and agencies,

In February 2009, the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board will host four public scoping meetings regarding the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project (SRBPP) and an additional 80,000 linear feet of bank protection along the Sacramento River and its tributaries authorized through a provision of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007.

These meetings will allow the public to learn about and provide input regarding the preparation of an environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) for the SRBPP Phase II Supplemental Authorization. The meetings will also provide an opportunity to learn about the SRBPP's Phase III planning efforts, schedule and opportunities for public involvement, all of which are set to begin in 2009.

Scoping Meeting Dates and Locations

Colusa

6:00-8:00 p.m. Tues. Feb. 17, 2009 Colusa Fairgrounds, Atwood Hall 1303 10th Street, Colusa

Walnut Grove

6:00-8:00 p.m. Wed., Feb. 18, 2009 Jean Harvie Community and Senior Center 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove

Sacramento

4:00-6:00 p.m. Tues., Feb. 24, 2009 Tsakopoulos Library Galleria 828 "I" Street, Sacramento

Chico

6:00-8:00 p.m. Wed., Feb. 25, 2009 Chico Masonic Family Center 110 West East Avenue, Chico

Background Information

The SRBPP is a continuing construction project authorized by Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1960. The purpose of this project is to provide protection to the existing levee and flood control facilities of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project. To date, work has been carried out in two phases, with a total of about 820,000 feet of river stabilized under the project. Current SRBPP work is being conducted under Phase II of its existing federal authorization. The supplemental authorization of 80,000 linear feet is in addition to the previously constructed 820,000 linear feet.

Submitting Comments

Written comments concerning this project may be submitted to Matt Davis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: CESPK-PD-R, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922. Send written comments by March 16, 2009.

For More Information

For more information about the scoping meetings or the project in general, please contact Matt Davis, NEPA Compliance Specialist, at (916) 557-6708 or Matthew.G.Davis@usace.army.mil or Kip Young, Staff Environmental Scientist, at (916) 574-1437 or kyoung@water.ca.gov.



